



JUNIOR TEAM RANKING SYSTEM

2026 / 2027

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The Nova Scotia Junior Team Ranking System (JTRS) is a performance-based point system designed to rank Nova Scotia U18 and U20 youth curling teams. The rankings are determined through points earned in sanctioned curling events held throughout the 2026/27 season.

U18 = less than 18 years of age on December 31, 2026 / born on or since January 1, 2009.

U20 = less than 21 years of age on June 30, 2026 / born July 1, 2006, or later.

This directive will be applied to:

- 1) The data provided to be used by team coaches for the purpose of self-seeding in U18 and U20 provincial championships.

JTRS Points Categories

The JTRS points model will determine performance points awarded using the relative significance of the event. In this model, there are two (2) categories of events:

- 1) Junior Tournament: this category will represent the bulk of the events played. These events are not restricted to being played in Nova Scotia.
 - a) U18 Event: Points earned in an U18 event will only be used as information in the ranking of teams for the U18 Provincial Playdowns.
 - b) U20 Event: All points earned in an U20 event will be used as information in the ranking of teams for both U18 and U20 Provincial Playdowns, if all athletes are eligible for U18.

Interpretation: If a team in a U20 event uses a spare that does not meet the age criteria for U18, then zero (0) points will be awarded towards that teams U18 ranking.

- 2) Adult Tournaments (World Curling Tour): World Curling Tour (WCT) sanctioned events will be eligible and will count on a point system listed in this document on page 4. All points earned in an adult event will be used as information in the ranking

of teams for both U18 and U20 Provincial Playdowns, if all athletes are eligible for U18. [CurlingZone – Everything Curling](#)

JTRS Challenges

- 1) JTRS registered teams may challenge the awarding of JTRS points to any team from a specific event no later than seven (7) full days after the completion of the event in question. For example, an event that ends on a Sunday, a challenge must be received by the following Sunday.
- 2) Challenges must be submitted by e-mail to Kevin Ouellette at (kouellette@nscurl.com).
- 3) Challenges will be reviewed and a decision will be made within fourteen (14) days of the end of the event in question.

JTRS Team Registration

- 1) A team must register their team line-up to be eligible to receive JTRS points.
- 2) Registering a team is free, and can be done through Kevin Ouellette (kouellette@nscurl.com)
- 3) An athlete can only be registered on one (1) U18 and one (1) U20 team.
- 4) A minimum of three members of a team must be registered by October 31st.
- 5) Information required when registering:
 - a) Team name and home club
 - b) Name, birthdate and position of all athletes, including 5th player if applicable
 - c) Coach or team contact name with complete contact information

Changes to Registered Teams

- 1) Should a registered team make a line-up change that will affect the points earned during the season, changes will be made retroactively to reflect the new line-up.

Interpretation: If one team member is changed and that member does not join another team, the new team will retain 100% of their points.

If one or more members of a team change to another team, the points will be adjusted to 25% for each member of the new team.

The new team member will be allowed to bring with them their share of any JTRS points earned unless a team retains 100% of their points.

General Rules that Apply to all Sanctioned Events

- 1) Acceptable formats are: round robin, double or triple knockout, and pool play.
- 2) The Five Rock Free Guard Zone rule must be used for all games.
- 3) All games in an event must be scheduled for 8 or 10 ends. Tiebreaker games may be 6 ends.
- 4) LSD results can be used to break ties for playoff positions.
- 5) Events should be able to distinguish the top four (4) teams.

Junior Tournament Rules

Events can be sanctioned as a JTRS qualifying event if it meets ALL the below criteria. Events that cannot meet ALL of the criteria will not be considered for JTRS inclusion.

- 1) The event must have a minimum field of 6 teams.
- 2) The event must be an U18 or U20 event.
- 3) Mixed gender events will be considered for JTRS inclusion.
 - a) Events that are/or become an "Open" competition, where male teams compete against female teams, will be considered for JTRS inclusion. The points awarded for an "Open" competition will be valued at 50% of the JTRS points system.
 - b) Teams must use spares from their own gender to be eligible for any JTRS points (no mixed gender teams allowed).
 - c) In the event of a special request for a mixed team to enter a tournament it must be submitted and approved by Kevin Ouellette (kouellette@nscurl.com). The mixed team must enter the male gender division, and they will not qualify for any JTRS points. The tournament must still meet the eligibility requirements to be considered for JTRS points.
- 4) For a team to count JTRS points toward their seasonal total, they must always have at least three (3) of their registered athletes on the ice during the event.
 - a) This means during every end of every game.
 - b) The duty rests on the team to indicate when they are not eligible.
 - c) Teams found in violation will lose all points for the event in question.
 - d) If a team cannot field a minimum of three registered players with a legitimate reason, a team will be provided a "one game mulligan" per event. The team will still be eligible to receive JTRS points from that event. Legitimate reasons may include, but not limited to, school exams and/or injury. A request to incorporate the "one game mulligan" must be approved by Kevin Ouellette in advance.
- 5) If a registered JTRS athlete spares for another team the spare is not eligible to receive any individual JTRS points. All points earned will be awarded to the registered team in the event.

World Curling Tour Tournament Rules

- 1) If a JTRS registered team enters a WCT event and uses a spare who is not eligible to compete in the Nova Scotia U18 or U20 provincials, any WCT points awarded will not be eligible for JTRS points.

Junior Cashspiel and World Curling Tour Performance Points

- 1) All teams begin the 2026-2027 season with zero (0) JTRS points.
- 2) A team must be registered to receive Performance Points.
- 3) Junior and World Curling Tour Performance Points will be awarded for sanctioned events held between Aug 1, 2026 and Dec 20, 2026.
- 4) Performance Points will be awarded to Nova Scotia teams who finish in the top four (4) standings for junior events and top eight (8) standings in WCT events.
- 5) Points Per Win will be awarded to teams who do not finish in the top four or eight standings.
 - a) Teams who finish in the top four (4) or eight (8) standings will not receive Points Per Win.
 - b) There is a maximum number of Points Per Win that will be awarded in an event.
- 6) Calculation of a team's final JTRS Performance Points will only count their best five (5) sanctioned events.

JTRS Performance Points will be awarded as follows:

U18 & U20 Tournaments	
Winner	15
2 nd Place	12
3 rd Place	9
4 th Place	6
Points Per Win	1.00 (max 3.0)

WCT Tournaments	
Winner	20
2 nd Place	15
3 rd & 4 th Place	12
5 th – 8 th Place	9
Points Per Win	1.50 (max 4.5)

* One-half point will be given for a game ending in a tie.

Recording of JTRS Performance Points

- 1) At the conclusion of a JTRS sanctioned event, teams are required to submit a screenshot of their draw / results by text to Kevin Ouellette at [902-499-6712](tel:902-499-6712) or email to kouellette@nscurl.com.
- 2) JTRS points will be updated weekly.
- 3) Calculations and standings will be emailed out to each registered team coach.
- 4) If possible, standings will be posted on the NSCA website.